His Majesties MESSAGE TO Both Houses of PARLIAMENT, of the eleventh of *July*, 1642.

Together
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BY Our former Declarations, and this our Proclamation (which we herewith send you) you and all Our good Subjects may see the just grounds of Our present journey towards Our Town of Hull. Before We shall use force to reduce that place to its due Obedience, We have thought fit once more to require you, that it may be forthwith delivered up to Us (the businesse being of that nature that it can admit no delay.) Wherein if you shall conform your selves, We shall then be willing to admit such addresses from you, and return such Propositions to you, as may be proper to settle the Peace of this Kingdom, and compose the present distractions. Do your duty herein, and be assured from Us in the word of a King, that nothing shall be wanting on Our part that may prevent the calamities which threaten this Nation, and may render Our People truly happy. If this Our gracious invitation shall be declined, God and all good men judge betwixt Us, We shall expect to receive satisfaction herein by your Answer to be presented to Us at Beverley upon Friday next, being the fifteenth day of this present July.

By the King.

A Proclamation declaring Our purpose to goe in Our Royall Person to HVLL; And the true occasion and end thereof.

WE having long complained of the high affront done unto Us in Our own Person by Sir *Iohn Hotham*, when We went to our Town of *Hull* to view Our Magazine and Arms, Our own proper goods (if We shall be allowed to call any thing Our own) which then were there, and since by, and under colour of Orders made by both Our Houses of Parliament, not onely without, but against Our consent, violently taken and carried from thence, and for that the Town it selfe, being the Principall Fort and Port of these Northern parts of this Kingdom, in a Warlike manner, with many hundreds of Souldiers hath bin kept and maintained against Us as a Garrison and Town of War, as against an enemy; And that by the practice of a malignant party; which hath too great an influence upon Our two Houses of Parliament, in stead of repairing Our Honour for this indignity, severall Orders and Votes of the major part, then present, have been made to justifie all this as legall; which Orders and Votes would have us and others to beleeve, upon the many Protestations in Print, That there hath been nothing done

done therein (as in many other things of that nature) but for the ſafety of Our Perſon, the Honour of Our Crown, and the good of the Kingdom; as if words directly contrary to theſe Actions of Hoſtility could ſatisfie Us, or any reaſonable man, not blinded with ſelf-opinion, or abuſed and miſ-led by vain and falſe ſurmiſes or groundleſſe jealouſies; We have now looked ſomewhat more narrowly into the manner of Sir *John Hothams* carriage in this his imployment, And did finde by the certain relation of others, that for the fortifying of the place againſt Us, his Leige Lord, he hath uſed the help of Art in making Out-workes to defend the Towne; he hath purpoſely cut the Banks, and let in the waters to drown the Land-paſſages, and to make the Town inacceſſible by that way; he hath ſet forth a Pinnace (amongſt other good Services) to intercept a Pinnace of Ours imployed for carrying of Letters, Meſſages and Paſſengers between Us and Our deereſt Conſort the Queen; he permitteth his Souldiers to iſſue out of the Town, and forrage upon the Countrey; he hath not onely unlawfully but tyrannically caſt out divers Inhabitants of the Towne from their dwellings, becauſe he could not confide in them; he hath diſarmed all the Townſ-men, that he might put the ſole power in the Souldiery under his command; he doth compell ſome others of the inhabitants, deſirous to depart the Town with their families, to abide and continue there againſt their wils, and by drowning of the Lands about the Town in manner as aforeſaid, he hath deſtroyed the paſtures, medows, and corn-lands within that compaſſe, containing ſome thouſand of Acres of very fruitfull grounds, amounting to a great value, to the great impoveriſhing of the owners and occupiers thereof; And he hath, for divers moneths continued in

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pay many hundreds of Souldiers, and endeavoureth, under pretence of Authority from the two Houses of Parliament, to encrease their number from the County of *Lincoln* adjoyning, and from other places; and this at the publique charge of the Kingdom, and out of those monies provided for the relief of the miseries of *Ireland*, and payment of the great debt to Our Kingdome of *Scotland*.

Whereupon, We being very sensible of this extream dishonour to Us, That a Town of such importance, and so neere to the place of Our present Residence should be thus fortified, kept, and maintained against Us, That the Port and passage by Sea should be defended against Us by Our own Ships, under the conduct of the Earl of *Warwick*, who being legally discharged by us of his imployment at Sea, by our Revocation of the Commission formerly granted by Us to the Earle of *Northumberland*, and by Our command signified unto him under Our owne hand, to deliver the command of Our Ships into the hands of another person named by Us, hath notwithstanding Our said commands (to which the Earle of *Northumberland* paid a dutyfull obedience) presumed not onely to dispossesse Us of Our said Navy, but to imploy it against Us, and to take Prisoners such of Our Captains as expressed a loyalty to Us according to their Oathes and the duty of Subjects; And that a Ship of Ours lately imployed for Our particular service into *Holland*, and returning from thence with some of our proper goods, hath been chased by them as an enemy, and enforced, for her safety, to put into a small Creek within six miles of that towne, and there to run on ground, to the great hazard of Our said vessell; and that both Our Ship and goods there were yet remaining in danger to be surprized

zed by Our owne subjects, We tooke a Iourney on wednesday the sixth of this moneth from *York* towards the said Creek, to take a view of Our said ship and goods thus exposed to danger; We having just cause to feare that Sir *Iohn Hotham*, and others of his confederacy, would (for Our good, and the good of the Kingdome) make prize of these also; and by the opportunity of that journey We Our selfe are now fully informed of the certainty of those things, which We had before received but from the relation of others; and there received a lamentable petition of Our Subjects of those parts, complaining of the unheard of insolence and barbarisme of Sir *Iohn Hotham*, and desiring our just and necessary protection of them from those cruel oppressions.

Upon all which considerations, that We may at length, after this long patience, doe that right to Our Honour, Our Crowne and Royall dignity, and to Our good Subjects in generall, and those of and neare to Our Town of *Hull* in particular, which We had reason to have expected from Our two houses of Parliament; but have failed of the fruite of our long expectation, by the malice of some ill affected spirits amongst them, who studie nothing more then by false pretences to amuse and abuse Our good people; We have taken this Resolution, by Gods blessing, and the assistance of Our good subjects, to force Sir *Iohn Hotham* and all that shall take part with him in the unjust and treasonable defence of the Towne of *Hull* against us, to that obedience which is due by subjects to their Leige Lord and Soveraigne, & to resist the assistance intended to Sir *Iohn Hotham* from Our said County of *Lincolne* and other places adjoyning, if they shall attempt it. And to this purpose We will and require all Our loving subjects to yeeld their best

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assistance of what kind soever to so necessary a defence of Our person, and just vindication of so great an injury offered unto us, to the dishonour of this Nation. And we do declare, that whosoever shall give Us their cheerfull help at this time, and to this purpose, either with Men, Horse, Arms or Money, to be brought, sent or conveyed unto Us, We shall look upon it as a Service never to be forgotten.

And this We publish to all Our Subjects, and to all the World, that they may truly understand the cleering of Our Intentions herein, as We shall do in all other things concerning Our government; And that We do and ever shall maintain those Resolutions We have professed so often, and so seriously by Our former Declarations, That We will continue and defend the true Protestant Religion as it is by Law established in the Church of *England*, The lawes of the land, the rights and just liberties of our subjects, equally to and with Our owne just Prerogative, And the true Priviledges of Parliament, and never infringe any act consented to by Us this Parliament, And that We have not, nor ever had the least thought of making War upon Our two Houses of Parliament, as hath been slanderously and maliciously published. And these things, not our Words onely, but all Our Actions shall make good. And in this Resolution and the just observation thereof We shall both live and die.

Given at Our Court at *Beverley* the eighth day of *July*, in the eighteenth yeer of Our Reign, 1642.

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